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THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.—Whatever the supreme court may decide about the Adamson law, there is one American country that has a real, "water-tight" eight-hour law.

No, it isn't Canada, or Mexico, or

the Argentine republic.

It is Ecuador, that tiny triangular country, squeezed in between Peru and Colombia, that looks as if it were aliding off the steep sides of the Andes straight into the Pacific.

Ecuador is the only nation in the world with an eight-hour law that includes every employe in the country, pays time and a quarter or better for overtime, and has no loopholes for any favored industries.

The whole meat of law, which has just been put into effect, is in three

short, simple articles:

(1.) Every laborer, workingman, clerk in store, office, or industrial establishment, and in general, every employe of any kind shall not be forced to work more than eight hours daily, six days a week, and is exempt from work on Sundays and legal holidays.

(2) No employer can evade the accomplishment of this decree by any stipulation with the employe or

laborer.

(3.) If the laborer, workman, clerk, etc., be requested to work longer than eight hours he shall be

paid 25 per cent overtime for the' extra work done during the day, 50 per cent overtime from six in the evening to midnight, and 100 per cent after that hour.

BIG ODDS ON HER.—You have to admire the thoroughness of Mayor Mrs. Laura Starcher, who defeated her husband in the last election and by the election of women to the other city offices, seized the government of Umatilla, Ore.

Laura's fnaugural address was devoted to what she knew about government and what she would do as mayor, wasn't it? No, it was not. She just roasted mere man after a fashion that must have made poor Starcher shake as a horrible example. Then she abolished the town marshal. Then she appointed her committees, with not a man on one of them.

She says she's going to have a town that's radically different. Two

hundred to 1 on Laura!

The Russians have crossed the River As. Where can that Bb?

> OUR CONGRESS FIDDLES BUT NOT WITH FIDDLERS

